Outlay of gas production

*578. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proposed outlay of gas production during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the estimated share of Bombay High therein;

(c) what quantity of gas has been asked for by the Maharashtra Government and what quota Government propose to allot to Maharashtra; and

(d) the progress made in setting up the second gas terminal at Usar in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No separate Plan outlay is made in respect of gas production.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Approximately 19 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to various consumers in Maharashtra. A request has recently been received for a bulk allocation of 30 MMSCMD, by setting up a second gas terminal at Usar. In this regard no decision has been taken.

Delinking of Power Board from M.C.D.

*579. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to delink the Power Board from the Delhi Municipal Corporation and give it autonomous status; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee on the Reorganisation of the Delhi Set-up (known as Balakrishnan Committee) inter-alia recommended conversion of Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking into Delhi State Electricity Board. Necessary administrative and legal steps, including amendments of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 are being taken accordingly.

Freight Loading by Railways

*580. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total freight loading by the Railways during the same period, year-three years, year-wise;

(b) the overall loading of coal by the Railways during the same period, year-wise; and

(c) the overall loading of foodgrains during the same period, year-wise; and

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THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Year-wise total loading of revenue earning freight traffic, coal and foodgrains is as under:—

(in million tonnes)

	Total loading	Coal	Foodgrains
1989-90	309.90	130.15	23.60
1990-91	318.40	135.16	25.35
1991-92	337.98	146.43	27.38

(Provisional)